

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL HAROLD GREGORY "HAL" MOORE, JR.

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize retired LTG Harold "Hal" Moore of Auburn, AL, for his lifetime of service to the United States of America.

LTG "Hal" Moore is best known as the lieutenant colonel in command of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, at the Battle of Ia Drang, in 1965 during the Vietnam war and as the author of "We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young." This book explores the weeklong Battle of Ia Drang where Hal served as the battalion commanding officer and led his troops personally. It is a magnificent book evidencing his courage, leadership, brilliance, and that of his regiment. I read it years ago and have not forgotten it.

Encircled by enemy soldiers and with no clear landing zone that would allow them to depart, Moore managed to persevere despite overwhelming odds. Moore's belief that "there is always one more thing you can do to increase your odds of success," along with the courage of his entire command, are credited with this victory. Hal used the concepts of air assault organization and employment that he and his troopers learned during their time at Ft. Benning, GA, for the first time in actual combat.

Moore then took the lessons he learned from this initial battle and helped instruct future troopers on how to better employ the tactic, saving countless lives going forward. During the Battle of Ia Drang, Moore was referred to as "Yellow Hair" by his troops, for his blond hair, and as a tongue-in-cheek tribute referencing GEN George Armstrong Custer, commander of the same 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn just under a century before.

For his actions, Hal was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military decoration of the U.S. Army. After the Battle of Ia Drang, Moore was promoted to colonel and subsequently took command of the 3rd Brigade, commonly referred to as the Garry Owen Brigade.

After his service in the Vietnam war, Moore served in various assignments until his retirement from the Army, as a lieutenant general on August 1, 1977, after completing 32 years of active service. Today he remains an "honorary colonel" of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment.

Along with the book he wrote, Hal is remembered in the 2007 book written by his volunteer driver, "A General's Spiritual Journey," and in the 2013 biography by author Mike Guardia, "Hal Moore: A Soldier Once . . . and Always." Moore has also been designated a Distinguished Graduate by the West Point Association of Graduates and has a 3-mile stretch of Highway 280 in Lee County, AL, named in his honor.

Lieutenant General Moore splits time between Auburn, AL, and Crested

Butte, CO. He continues to involve himself in his community. I am proud to call LTG Harold "Hal" Moore a fellow Alabamian and to acknowledge and celebrate his long and distinguished life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 808. An act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. ISRAEL of New York and Mr. DEUTCH of Florida.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 15, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following bill:

S. 808. An act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3904. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Naphthalene Acetates; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9937-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3905. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Choline Chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9936-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3906. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus amyloliquefaciens MBI600 (antecedent Bacillus subtilis MBI600); Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9939-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3907. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxystrobin; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9939-52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3908. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Fractionated Indian Land (HFIL) Loan Program" (RIN0560-AI32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3909. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0058) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3910. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for Military Personnel" (RIN0790-AJ17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3911. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Defining 'Chronically Homeless'" (RIN2506-AC37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3912. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3913. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3914. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Name Change from the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) to the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)" (FRL No. 9936-38-OSWER) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3915. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Interstate

Transport of Ozone" (FRL No. 9940-05-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3916. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; El Paso Particulate Matter Contingency Measures" (FRL No. 9940-03-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3917. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Maryland's Negative Declaration for the Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Assembly Coatings Control Techniques Guidelines" (FRL No. 9939-99-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3918. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3919. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation relative to major medical facility construction projects and major medical facility leases for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3920. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ultimate Heat Sink for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3921. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-117); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3922. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2015-C-1154) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3923. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3924. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 and the Semi-Annual Report of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3925. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3926. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3927. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Security Professional Development Interagency Personnel Rotations 2nd Fiscal Year End Report on Performance Measures"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 998. A bill to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-180).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1169. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-181).

S. 1318. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

*John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

*Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

*Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2401. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to en-

hance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2402. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to search all public records to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2403. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2404. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2405. A bill to require the disclosure of information concerning the manufacture of methamphetamine upon transfer or lease of covered housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 335. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 336. A resolution honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 122

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington